

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday November 16th 2003

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group took place last Monday the 10th of November in Raheen House Hotel Clonmel. The Chairman thanked all those who attended the meeting and thanked all Group members for their support during the past year. The outgoing Vice Chairman Ron McGrath EI6GO was thanked for his guidance and advice to the outgoing Committee. The following committee was elected; Chairman is John Burke, EI2JB. Vice-Chairman is Eddie Kavanagh, EI3FFB and the Secretary is John Ronan, EI7IG. The Treasurer is Tommy Hallinan EI2IT and Public Relations Officer is Paul Norris, EI3ENB.

Please note that there will be no monthly meeting in December, and from the New Year all future monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month. A date and a venue are yet to be fixed for the annual night out.

Contesting on a Budget

EI8IC has created a number of forums on his website aimed at those without the big towers and the latest rigs, under the general title 'Homebrew Hams - Forums For Those Who Like To Do Things For Themselves'. There are sections for Contesting, Antennas, Towers, and other areas of discussion.

There are also specific areas for Irish Contesting, and AREN, the Amateur Radio Emergency Network in Ireland, moderated by John Ketch EI2GN.

The forums are not designed to act in competition to any of the more established ones, rather, to act as a place where you can ask questions and leave tips that others will browse through. Have you ever come up with a good idea that you want to share with other testers? Then this is the place to do it. Ever wanted to ask a basic question but felt nervous when amongst the big guns? Visit www.qsl.net/ei8ic/forums On the site, there is no advertising, and no pop-ups!

Jamboree on the Air

All Units and Groups participating in JOTA are asked to submit reports to their

respective National JOTA organisers. These will be used in the National Reports to the WOSM in Geneva. Reports should if possible include photographs and press cuttings.

50 MHz

The 50 MHz UK Activity Contest will take place on Tuesday the 25th of November between 20:00 and 22:30 hours UTC.

Special Event Station EI4LDF

The Bayside Scouts Radio Group, with the co-operation of Howth Martello Tower Heritage Group and Fingal County Council will set up a Special Event station at the Tower on Saturday and Sunday November 22/23rd.using the Callsign EI4LDF. The Station will commemorate the visit to the Howth Tower by American Inventor, Lee de Forest 100 years ago where he set up a Morse telegraph station and conducted 35 wpm Morse code transmissions to another similar station located across the Irish sea near the South Stack Lighthouse, Anglesey, North Wales.

On both days, the Tower will be open and offers an ideal opportunity for visitors to view the restoration work that has been completed inside.

Access to the Martello Tower that overlooks Howth Harbour is from Abbey Street or from Balscadden Road.

The Howth Heritage Group/Fingal County Council have accepted an offer of a private collector to have a permanent display of vintage telegraph and radios at the Tower and will be a new attraction at Howth for all radio enthusiasts when all is set up.

The Station EI4LDF will be on air on both Saturday and Sunday from approx. 11 am until 6 p.m. on HF CW and SSB also on 2 meters.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

At the last meeting of the club, international Scout Commissioner, Bernadette Rogers presented the club with a certificate in appreciation of their participation in JOTA. She also presented the group with a quantity of JOTA QSL cards.

The EI2WRC voice repeater is back on air on a trial basis at Mt. Leinster. Reports are welcome to EI8JA at QTHR or to info@searg.com. The next general meeting will take place on Wednesday the 26th of November at the Roanmore Social and Sports

Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

For latest information and news about the club, visit the clubs website at www.searg.com or e-mail info@searg.com.

DX News

From Vietnam, 3W, we learn that Eddy is QRV as 3W-22-S until December 31 to celebrate the 22nd South East Asian Games hosted in Vietnam. QSL via operator's instructions.

Radio News Service

Clubs and individuals are strongly encouraged to submit items for inclusion in the radio news. The news service relies on your input. If you or your club have recently participated in some radio related activity or made a notable achievement please submit your details to the radio news. Remember, day-to-day information such as dates of upcoming meetings or events, club contact details etc. are also welcome input for the news.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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